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In re the Application of

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For: THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD AND THE MANUFACTURING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the specification with the substitute specification attached hereto.

REMARKS

Claims 1-43 are pending in this application. By this Preliminary Amendment, the specification is amended. No new matter is added.

The attached Appendix includes a marked-up copy of the substitute specification (37 C.F.R. §1.125(b)(2)).

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-43 are earnestly solicited.